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A

GENEALOGY

OF

THE NORTON FAMILY,

WITH

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

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The following document, copied from the original now in the possession of Charles-Eliot Norton, Esq., of Cambridge, possesses a strong claim on the attention of our readers. But very few of the first settlers here have left any clue by which their ancestry can now be traced; and the present is almost the only case I have found where a carefully drawn pedigree appears to have been brought by a settler. The manuscript is a large sheet of parchment, bearing a tabular pedigree, of which we give the substance, adorned with the various coats-of-arms in the successive generations, and was apparently drawn up by the Somerset herald. The present copy was made from the original, and, on all doubtful points, reference has been had to a copy made in 1802, at which time the writing was of course more legible.

Perhaps the reason for the compilation of this pedigree was this:— Thomas Norton, who “added the residue partly,” married the daughter and the niece of Archbishop Cranmer, and the position he must have been placed in, would account for his desire to investigate his pedigree. William Norton, who came to this country, was a near relative of Thomas. He might well desire to have a copy of this family document; and it has been preserved in his branch of the family to the present time. The early portion of the pedigree is meagre. The compiler evidently labored to trace the Nortons to the old family of Norvile, and, having done this, he took the pedigree of that family, probably, as it was recorded at the Heralds’ College.

In copying, I have placed letters (A, &c.) wherever a coat-of-arms was painted, and these will be described in a note at the end.

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On the left side are two notes. The first reads—

“This Genealogie of the Nortons of Sharpenhov in Bedfordshire, beginninge at NORVILLE that married into the howse Valois, and came into England with Kinge William the Conquer, and was his Constable; whose posteritie, long time after, assumed the English name of NORTON, being the same in signification that Noruile is in French. For the proof whereof it is to be understood that this pedigree agreeth with records remaining in the office of Armes . . . in one book of pedigree, late William Haruie’s, Clarencieux King of Armes, couered in Read, and set forth in trick, as far as Noruile, wh. was sonn of Sr. John Noruile, alias Norton, and married with the daughter of Montchensie, and to Joan daughter of Sr. John, and her issue.”

Underneath this is the following:—

“In an ancient Mansion Hous in Fulham, in the Countie of Midd. sometime the possession of Thomas Windowt, Alderman of London, and now *hoc anno* 1632, the possession of Mr. Williamson, procurator in the

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Court of Arches, London, the armes of NORTON are in manie places remaining and the Bassingbourne's Armes quartered with theirs. There are also impaled the armes of Norland and Norton, quarteringe Bassingbourn and Walker, impaled with Norton; also the armes of Mr. Hill and Mr Rice, impaled with Norland." Pr. John Philepott, Somerset.

On the right are also two notes. The first says—

"It appeares likewise by another book of pedegrees, late the said William Haruie's, covered with parchment, havinge on the right side upon corner written "Wendout," and sett forth in coulers; saving that in the first book, is Joane said to be *sister* to the said Sr. John, and in the second, she is sett downe to be his *daughter*, as truth is: and in that second book, Joane is said to be married first to Norland and after to Walker, which contrarie as appeareth by her owne testament, made by the name of Joane Norland, widow, wherein she alsoe maketh mention of her children by Walker. Now for proof that the Nortons of Sharpenhow are descended from the aforesaid Sr. John Noruile, als. Norton, is to be known that Sr. John Norton had one other son, named JOHN NORTON, dwelling at Sharpenhow, as appeareth by the testament of the said Joane, daughter of the said Sr. John; which John Norton, dwelling at Sharpenhow, had issue John, Joane, Isabel, and Alce, as appeareth by the several testaments of Joane Norland and Agnes Wenger, her daughter. The said John Norton, son of John, married his second wife Jane, daughter of Cowper, and had issue Thomas Norton, as appeareth by the testament of Agnes Winger, recorded in the Prerogative Office."

Underneath is written—

"The Residue [of] this pedegree is partly added by Thomas Norton, Esq., sonn of the said Thomas with his owne hand yet extant, and for the most part within memory, and continued downe to this present yeare 1632, by the informcon of Mr. Robert Norton the elder, sonn of the said Mr. Thomas Norton the younger."

1. Le Signr. de NORVILLE came into England with William the Conqueror and was his Constable. He married into the house of Valois.(A)
2. Sr. de NORVILLE married in the house of Barr.(B)
3. Sr. de NORVILLE married into the house of Dalbemonte.(C)
4. Sr. de NORVILLE married Auelina, daughter of Neuil of Raby.(D)
5. Sr. de NORVILLE married Joricia, daughter of Sigr. Dampre de Court.(E)
6. Sr. de NORVILLE alias NORTON, married the daughter of Sir John Hadscoke.(F)
7. Sr. de NORVILLE alias NORTON, married the daughter and coheiress of Monsignr. Bassingbourne,(G) and had *Elizabeth*, who m. Roger Hill of co. Stafford. And
8. Sir JOHN NORTON alias Noruile, who married the daughter of the Lord Grey de Ruthyn,(H) by whom he had
 - i. *John*, of whom hereafter.
 - ii. —, a son, who m. a daughter of Montchencie.(I)
- III. *Joane*, who married first William Walker, and had
 - i. Agnes, who m. John Winger, and had Nicholas, George, and Elizabeth Winger. She m. secondly Thomas Norland(J) of London, Alderman, and had

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- i. Lettice, who m. 1st, Mr. Hill & 2d, Symond Rice of London.
 - ii. Katharine, who m. 1st, Thomas Windowt(K) of London, Alderman, and had
 - i. Bartholomew, who m. Anne Hull, and had Bartholomew and Katharine, who m. John Delaywodd. His widow (Anne Hull) m. 2d, Wm. Brothers of London.
 - ii. Jane, who m. William Haddon, son of Sr. Richard by his first wife, and had Catherine, who m. Robert Coldwell, and Thomas who m. the dau. of Saunders, and was the father of Francis Haddon of co. Hertford.
- IV. *Katharine.*
9. JOHN NORTON of Sharpenhow, in Bedfordshire, m. —, and had
- I. *John.*
 - II. *Jane.*
 - III. *Isabel.*
 - IV. *Alice.*
10. JOHN NORTON of Sharpenhow married first a daughter of Mr. Danie, and had issue,
- I. *William*, prob. d. young.
- He m. 2d, Jane, dau. of John Cowper,(M) and had
- II. *Thomas.*
 - III. *Richard*, of whom hereafter.
 - IV. *Robert*, prob. d. s. p.
 - V. *John*, m. 1st, a Preston; 2d, a Spycer. No issue given.
 - VI. *Alice*, m. 1st, a Goodrich; 2d, Thomas Decon. No issue given.
 - VII. *William*. No issue recorded.
11. THOMAS NORTON of Sharpenhow m. first Elizabeth Merry, and had issue,
- I. *Margaret*, m. a Symons.
 - II. *Thomas*, who m. 1st, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, who d. s. p.; and 2d, Alice, dau. of Edmond Cranmer, brother of Thomas,(N) and had issue,
 - i. Anne, m. Sir Geo. Coppin,(O) and had Robert, Thomas.
 - ii. Elizabeth, m. 1st, Miles Raynesford,(P) and had Robert and Garrett; and 2d, Symon Basell, by whom she had Symon.
 - iii. Thomas, died at Cambridge.
 - iv. Henry, prob. d. s. p.
 - v. Robert, m. Anne, daughter of Robert Heare, and had Thomas, Robert, Thomas, Richard and Anne.
 - vi. William, m. Ruth Harding.
 - III. *Joan*, who m. 1st, a Spicer, and 2d, a Barrett. He m. secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Marshall, and widow of Ralph Radcliff, and had issue,
 - IV. *Luke*, who m. Lettice, daughter of George Gravely, and had
 - i. Gravely.
 - ii. Benjamin.
 - iii. Thomas.
 - iv. Anne.
 - v. Elizabeth.
 - vi. ———, illegible.

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vii. ———, illegible.

viii. Susanna.

ix. Martha.

He m. thirdly, the widow of Mr. Osborne, and had

v. *Daniel*.

vi. *Barnabas*.

vii. *Isaac*.

We now return to the other son of John(10) and Jane Cowper

12. RICHARD NORTON married Margery, daughter of Wingar(L) of Sharpenhow, and had

i. *Thomas*, who m. Anne, dau. of Richard Pratt, and had

i. *Thomas*.

ii. *William*. See next paragraph.

13. WILLIAM NORTON of Sharpenhow, married first, Margerie, dau. of Will. Hawes, and widow of Mr. Hamon, and had

i. *William*, who m. Alice, dau. of John Browest, by whom he had

i. JOHN.

ii. WILLIAM.

iii. Richard.

iv. Thomas, who m. Katherine, dau. of Gabriel Clincard, and had issue, Gabriel, Thomas and Anne.

v. Martha.

vi. Mary.

He married secondly, Dennis Cholmley, niece to Sir Nicholas Hare, Master of the Rolls,(Q) and had

ii. *Thomas*.

iii. *John*.

iv. *Elizabeth*.

v. *Francis*.

vi. *Hugh*.

vii. *Daniel*.

viii. *Phebe*.

ix. *Richard*, who m. Ellen, dau. of Thomas Rowley of Wallden, in Essex,(R) and had Luke, Richard, John, Ellen and Dorothy.

The following arms are represented on the MS. Where I have found them in Burke's "General Armory," I have placed his name after the description. He gives the NORTON arms of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, and Mark-Atwell, co. Hertford, as represented on this roll, *gules*, a fret *argent*, over all a bend *vairé*, or and *gules*. He adds the crest, a griffin sejant, *proper*, winged *gules*, beak and forelegs *or*.

- A. VALOIS, Semée de France, or fleur-de-lys.
- B. BARR, *argent*, semée de fleurs-de-lys, three billets *barry*(?)
- C. DALBEMONTE, *ermine*, on a pile *azure*, three fleurs-de-lys, *or*.
- D. NEVILL of Raby, *gules* a saltire *argent*. (Burke.)
- E. DAMPRE DE COURT, *ermine*, three bars cotised, *gules*.
- F. HADSCOKE, *gules*, a bend *ermine*, over all a chevron *argent*.
- G. BASSINGBORNE, Gyronny of eight *argent* and *azure*. (Burke.)
- H. GREY DE RUTHYN, Barry of six, *argent* and *azure*, in chief three *torteaux*. (Burke.)
- I. MONTCHENZI, Barry of twelve, *argent* and *azure*. (Burke.)

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- J. NORLAND, *argent*, on a chevron between three lions rampant *sable*, as many bezants. (Burke.)
- K. WINDOYT, *or*, a leg embowed *azure*; impaling *sable*, five bezant, two, one, and two, a chief indented *or*.
- M. COWPER, *gules*, a fesse indented *argent*, (in chief a label of the second?)
- N. CRANMER, *argent*, a chevron *azure*, between three pelicans vulning themselves ppr.
- O. COPPIN, *argent*, a chief *vair*.
- P. RAYNSFORD, *gules*, a chevron engrailed, between three fleurs-de-lys, *argent*. (Burke.) Hadley, co. Essex.
- Q. HARE, *gules*, two bars *or*, a chief indented of the last. (Burke.)
- L. WINGAR, *gules*, two helmets *argent*, over a garb of the last; impaling the arms of HARE.
- R. ROWLEY, *gules*, on a chevron cotised *argent*, as many lions rampant of the field. Given by Burke to the ROWLETS.

As has been mentioned, a copy of the foregoing was made in 1802 by Samuel Norton, who brought down his line of descent to that date, and subsequently continued it to 1821, in substance as follows:—

JOHN NORTON, son of William and Alice Browest, and grandson of William, (13) came to New England and d. s. p. His brother WILLIAM NORTON of Ipswich had a son JOHN, minister at Hingham, who m. Mary Mason, and had Elizabeth, who m. Col. John Quincy, and a son Capt. JOHN NORTON. This latter named John m. Elizabeth, dau. of Col. John Thaxter, and had JOHN, William and Samuel. JOHN m. Anne, dau. of Jeremiah Belknap of Boston, and had issue, SAMUEL and Sarah. Of these, Samuel m. Jane, dau. of Joseph Andrews, and had issue, John, Jane, (wife of Thomas Wigglesworth,) Samuel and ANDREWS. ANDREWS NORTON, Professor of Sacred Literature at Harvard College, m. Catharine, 4th dau. of Samuel Eliot of Boston.

I will add, that the children of Prof. Andrews and Catharine (Eliot) Norton are, Louisa, Catharine-Jane, Charles-Eliot, and Grace.

Rev. JOHN¹⁴ NORTON, son of William¹³ and Alice, was b., according to Mather's Magnalia, at "Starford [Bishop's Stortford?] in Hartfordshire," May 6, 1606. He came to New England in 1634, settled at Ipswich in 1636, and in 1655 succeeded Rev. John Cotton as min. of the First Church, Boston, where he d. April 5, 1663. He m. Mary —, who survived him.

WILLIAM¹⁴ NORTON, brother of the preceding, m. Lucy, probably dau. of Emanuel and Lucy (Winthrop) Downing. Besides his son Rev. John¹⁵ of Hingham, he had a son Bonus¹⁵; a dau. Elizabeth,¹⁵ who m. 1st, Col. John Wainwright, and 2d, Hon. Isaac Addington; and perhaps other children who d. young.* He d. April 30, 1694, a. 68. His widow Lucy d. Feb. 5, 1697-8.

Rev. JOHN¹⁵ NORTON, of Hingham, grad. H. C. 1671, m. Mary Mason, Nov. 1674; was ord. Nov. 27, 1678, as the second minister at Hingham, where he d. Oct. 3, 1716, a. 66. His descendants are given above, from Samuel Norton's MS.

* William Norton, of Ipswich, had ch.: William, b. Feb. 12, 1661, and Lucy, b. Jan. 25, 1662, (Rev. Dr. Felt's MS.) If these were children of William and Lucy, they were not living in 1694.

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Bonus¹⁸ NORTON, brother of the preceding, was b. about 1657, took the oath of fidelity 1678; was of Ipswich 1691, but Sept. 29, 1712, is named as a resident of Hingham (where his brother John was then minister) in the will of Mrs. Anne (Downing) Bradstreet. He afterwards removed to Hampton, N. H., where he d. April 30, 1718, aged 61 years, as appears by his gravestone in that part of Hampton now Seabrook. His wife Mary,—a dau. of Joseph and Sarah (Whipple) Goodhue,—survived him, and adm. on his estate June 4, 1718, in Rockingham County. Their ch. were:—*William*,¹⁸ b. May 9, 1691; *Joseph*,¹⁸ b. Nov. 17, 1695; *Samuel*,¹⁸ b. Sept. 12, 1699; *Elizabeth*,¹⁸ who m. 1st, Mr. Jenness, 2d, Benjamin Swett; *Lucy*,¹⁸ and *Anne*,¹⁸

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William Norton of Ipswich, in will dated April 28, 1694, proved May 15, 1694, mentions his son John, who "had his portion already in Learning and bringing up at Colledge"; his dau. Elizabeth Wainwright; his son Bonus Norton, who is made sole executor, to have whole estate, "dwelling house," &c., except legacies, and to maintain testator's "beloved wife Mrs. Luce Norton." Witnesses, Joseph Goodhue, sen., William Baker, and Robert Lord.—*Essex Prob. Rec.* iii. 168.

William Norton of Ipswich, April 14, 1691, "in consideration of the Parental care, love and affection which he beareth to his beloved son Bonus Norton of y^e same Towne," "who has entered into a marriage estate," gives to said son land in Ipswich. Witnesses, Marjery Whipple, Marjery Goodhue. Signed by William and Lucy Norton.—*Essex Deeds*, xxi. 137.

Rev. John Norton in his will, proved April 16, 1663, mentions brother William N. of Ipswich and child, brother Thomas N. of London, mother, sister Elizabeth, and wife Mary. His widow's will, Aug. 20, 1677, mentions cousin John N., sister Mrs. Lucy N., cousin Edmund Fernely of Westoreling Hall in co. Suffolk, his bro. Thomas, and sisters Elizabeth and Mary, bro. William Norton.

There was a family of Nortons of Norton-Conyers, co. York, several of whom were confined for a conspiracy to release Mary Queen of Scots in 1571, and two were executed. There was also a family of the name at Allynghton Castle and Settingbourn, co. Kent.

A family named Denny, perhaps the same as the Danie family into which his ancestor married, resided at Bishop's Stortford, where Rev. John Norton is supposed to have been born.

Mrs. Anne Bradstreet, widow, by will dated 29 Sept. 1712, gives to Eliza Davenport, Anne Winthrop and Lucy Dudley, daughters of Col. John Wainwright, dec'd, dwelling house, &c., on Main Street; to cousins Capt. John Gardner, Habakkuk Gardner, and Bartholomew Gedney, son of William Gedney, £50 bills to divide; to Mrs. Margaret Corwin, bedding, &c.; to Mad. Rebecca Brown; to cousin Elizabeth Wainwright, widow; to cousin John Norton of Hingham; to Mercy and Sarah Oliver, daus. of Dr. Oliver; to cousin Anne Williams; to cousin Higginson, wife of John Higginson; to cousin Gardner of Nantucket; to Martha Warham; to cousin Bonus Norton of Hingham, and to his dau. Sarah; to Mr. Epes's dau. Mary Capen; to negro Hannah, her freedom, bedding, &c. Cousin Adam Winthrop and Addington Davenport, executors. "Desire Mr. Epes who hath befriended mee may be one of my Beare^r, y^e he would as soon as may be give you notice of my decease." Signed "Anne Bradstreet." "In presence of us, Dan! Epes, Nathan! Osgood, William Buttolph." "I give my good friends, Christopher Babbage and Simon Willard 20 shillings apiece. This was written before sealing of y^e Instrument." Proved April 24, 1713.—*Essex Prob. Rec.* X. 271.

The pedigree of the Downings is full of interest. We know that Emanuel Downing m. April 10, 1622, Lucy, sister of Gov. John Winthrop. They had a dau. Anne, who m. 1st, Capt. Joseph Gardner, and secondly Gov. Simon Bradstreet, and also a daughter Lucy. Mr. Thornton, before he knew that Emanuel Downing had a daughter Lucy, conjectured, from the above will of Mrs. Anne Bradstreet, that Lucy, the wife of William Norton, was Mrs. B's sister; and his subsequent investigations have strengthened this opinion. It is a curious fact that though we know that the noted Sir George Downing was the son of Emanuel, yet Wood, a contemporary, said he was the son of Calybut Downing. Again, a Baronetage, published in 1727, in the life-time of the grandson of Sir George, pretending to particular accuracy—as the preface states that "application has been made to every Baronet," &c.—states that Sir George was the son of Calybut. The descent the author thus traces. Geoffrey Downing was of Poles-Beldham, co. Essex, m. Elizabeth, dau. of Thomas Wingfield, and had issue Arthur Downing, of Lexham, co. Norfolk, where he increased his fortune by marrying Susan, daughter and co-heir of John Salybut, of Castle-Acre in that county. Their

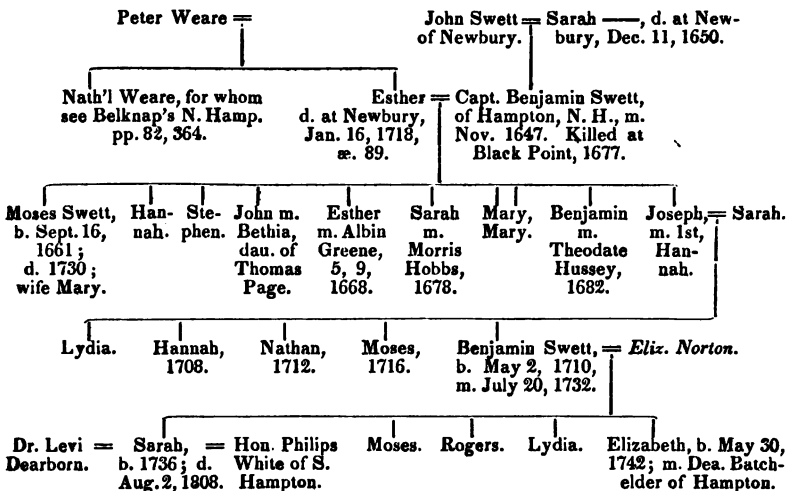
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issue was Dorothy, Anne and John. *Son or brother* of this John was Calybut Downing, of Sherington, co. Gloucester, who was father of the famous Rev. Calybut. This latter, as we have said before, is called the father of Sir George. The reader will note the confusion relative to the affiliation of Calybut, Sen., to the parent stem; does not this suggest a relationship of Rev. Calybut to Sir George, though the precise degree is unknown?

I learn from Henry White, Esq., of New Haven, that there was a John Downing, a merchant of Nevis, who died at Boston in 1694, leaving a son Nathaniel, and there is strong presumptive evidence that he was a son of Emanuel D.

COL. JOHN WAINWRIGHT, by his wife Elizabeth Norton, had children: *Elizabeth*, m. Addington Davenport; *Anne*, m. Adam Winthrop; *Lucy*, m. Paul Dudley; *Francis*, *Samuel*, and *John*. The three daughters and the husbands of the first two are mentioned in Mrs. Bradstreet's will.

BENJAMIN SWETT, who married Elizabeth Norton, left posterity. An account of this branch of the Norton lineage may be found in "Mementos of the Swett Family," by J. Wingate Thornton, Esq., a descendant, (8vo. 1851), and in the Register, Vol. VI., p. 59. Mr. Swett's pedigree is as follows:—



LYDIA NORTON.—“About three weeks ago, died at Hampton Falls, in an advanced age, the famous *Lydia Norton*, who for many years was a celebrated preacher among the Friends. She had preached in most if not all the provinces of North America, and visited and preached in some of the Western Islands.”—*Boston News Letter*, Jan. 22, 1747.





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